

are sufficiently known to all present, and drawing this brief report to a close, they would earnestly impress on the subscribers the necessity of continued zeal. There is a field for labour and of profit not yet explored, which will yield to their hands an abundant harvest.

The members of the Trade are numerous, the masters opulent, and the directors indulge in the hope that when the merits of the institution are more generally known to them, and the benefits it confers are fully appreciated, it will receive their approbation and support. With sincere thanks to the subscribers in general, and more especially to those employers and gentlemen who have supported this institution, the directors close their report, wishing you all health and prosperity till the next annual meeting. (Cheers.)

Mr. James Money said, he rose to move "that the report be received." He regretted that the chairman that the meeting was so thin; he could only attribute it to their looking after their own affairs. He was yet not without hopes, for, during the past year, they had increased the funds 30l. or 40l., and new members were being enrolled. It had been said, they should have commenced earlier: others said, what security have we? He had requested those who put these questions to attend, and they would see. (Hear.) Some carpenters want to know no more than how to build Union workhouses for themselves. (Hear, hear.) This is a fact, however melancholy. Would any man, calling himself charitable, refuse to assist another? And we are told, charity begins at home; then let us come forth and subscribe, and build a house for ourselves, that it may be ready when we want it. He requested every one present to urge their friends to come forward in support of the institution, and he (Mr. M.), although he hoped he should never want assistance from this society, felt he should not be doing his duty, if he did not do all he could to raise the superstructure, having taken an active part in laying the foundation. (Cheers.)

Mr. Howe having seconded it, it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wilson said, he rose to propose "that the cordial thanks of the meeting be given to the directors and officers of the institution, and that this meeting earnestly entreats them to consider the apathy evinced by the small number of their body only as an incentive to renewed and still more strenuous exertions during the next six months."

Mr. Richardson, in seconding the resolution, said, as regarded the motion itself, he could only say, so far as he was connected with the society, he was satisfied the officers had used every exertion, and to the best of their ability, to promote the objects of the society, and he was glad to find they were gaining strength. He regretted to see so small a meeting, yet they all knew that young institutions required much exertion to work them into effective operation. More of their success depended upon the exertions of the men than of their masters. (Hear, hear.) This institution might be slow in its progress; and though those present might not see it rise to power, it would be some consolation to them to know that they were instrumental in its foundation. He (Mr. R.), with some others, were at present masters, but they did not know what might befall them in this changeable life:—(hear)—he therefore called upon masters and men to support each other. (Cheers.) If he had money, he would not leave it to a committee, but at once build it himself, for then he should know what he did with his money. When he subscribed to an institution like this, which was slow in its movements, they might not live long enough to know what became of the money. If they had an asylum of their own, they would know what they had to trust to; but if they went to a workhouse they did not. He would therefore call upon the meeting to use every exertion among their friends to subscribe, that they might live to see an asylum erected, and some few decayed members participating in its blessings. (Cheers.) He would conclude by stating the directors had done all in their power to forward the objects of the society, and would continue those exertions. (Cheers.)

Mr. Austin rose and proposed the following resolution:—"That the thanks of this meeting be given to those employers who have subscribed to the institution, and that they be requested to use their influence with other employers, and endeavour to prevail on them to render alike assistance," when he had no doubt but the men would follow their example.

Mr. Edwards was satisfied there were many who would subscribe to the institution; he trusted at the next meeting he should witness a larger number of the employers and employed, and that the former would be present to return thanks for themselves. He would cordially second the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Wood felt great pleasure in proposing the next resolution—it was one to which they would all agree. It was—"Thanks to the public press," to which this society felt greatly indebted—(hear, hear)—for having set their grievances so clearly and so strongly before the public. As a young body,

he felt they could not do better than court assistance from the press in the advocacy of their cause.

Mr. Thompson said he cordially seconded this resolution; he heartily thanked the press for their exertions in behalf of this society; the press had not only spoken truth towards this institution, but had put their cause before the world in a manner which the labouring classes had not the command of language to do. (Hear.) He had to thank them with all his heart and with all his soul! (Cheers.)

The Chairman having put the resolution, it was warmly adopted.

Mr. Wood observed, as they had nearly finished the business of the day, he felt it his duty to call the attention of the meeting to the vacancies which existed in the direction, and which it was necessary they should fill up. He had received no notice from any candidate; and it was necessary that twenty-one days' notice should be given before any election could take place.

Mr. King thought the articles provided against it, and that no notice was necessary.

Mr. Wood wished to inform the meeting, that there was a clause in the articles which made it imperative on every candidate for a director to give twenty-one days' notice before his election could take place; they were governed by an Act of Parliament.

Mr. Richardson asked if the board of directors had not power in themselves to fill up the vacancies.

The Chairman replied, they had not.

Mr. Agate observed, he was a trustee, and as such, he was bound by the articles; when any other gentleman took upon himself the office of trustee, he hoped he would perform the duties as well as the present gentlemen had done.

Some angry conversation now took place between Mr. Agate and Mr. King, which was checked by the chairman.

The Chairman observed, that when a parson preached a sermon, it was usual to give a text. He (the chairman) had an excellent one. It had been his intention, on entering this room, to propose a vote of thanks to their subscribers, and urge them to further exertions in their behalf, but having been called on to fill the chair, he had been deprived of that satisfaction. He would not refer to any particular firm, but to every one who strove to do the best they could for this institution. Of the money, 33l. had been hard-earned by the directors, and it had cost him individually 5l. to get it. (Hear.) He did not find fault with gentlemen who had done their best, but he would ask every man to do what he (the chairman) had done while in office, and if he did not, he should certainly find fault with him. He had never found the money he had spent in such

good causes as these ever lost to him; he was a member of several philanthropic institutions, and the money he had subscribed to those institutions, had returned to him in another form. He approved of such institutions, and while he lived he would continue to support them; and while he was a director to this institution, he would do all in his power to support it. If gentlemen would come into this room and see what they were doing they would be moved by the scene, for they were assembled to do good for their fellow-creatures. (Cheers.)

There were unfortunately many who could give them some support, but who would not, it therefore became a more imperative duty on their part to unite together in support of the institution. He hoped, when he should die, that the exertions he had made in the establishing of this society would be a great source of consolation to him—to know that many were enjoying the fruits of his exertions. (Cheers.) He felt confident that before another six months had passed, another 100l. would be added to their funds. The season for their excursion was coming on, they were sure they would not fail in that as a source of profit; and he hoped they would not forget the fable of "Jupiter and the waggoner," but follow out the advice there given, and they would benefit by it. (Hear, hear.) He had no objection to a little opposition, and the conversation which had taken place from what had fallen from Mr. King, would be beneficial to the society; it might otherwise be said the directors had it all their own way. It had been stated by Messrs. Grissell and Peto that, when this society laid their first stone, they would give 200l. towards the building; now he preferred seeing the names of the men down for 7s. each, he was sure that would be more beneficial to the interests of this institution. (Hear, hear.) He approved of the subscriptions of publicans, for there was a mutual interest between them and the members of this society, some of whom he would endeavour to bring here. (Cheers.) In conclusion, he would call upon every friend of the institution to exert himself as much as he could, and not leave one stone unturned. They might rest assured of his best wishes, and he hoped the Carpenters' Society would take the lead of all other institutions. (Cheers.)

Mr. Wood moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, for his able and impartial conduct in the chair.

Several rose to second it, when it was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman, in returning thanks, stated, that the meeting would adjourn to October; but if any gentleman wished to become a member, he might enroll himself at their monthly meeting, held at the Rose and Crown, Union-street, Southwark.

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